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The South African Craft Gin Awards 2020

The results of the South African Craft Gin Awards 2020, presented by Takealot, have been announced. Schweppes premium mixers is the associate sponsor for this years competition

These are the two competition medal winning gins we were sent to taste. Hobbs is made by Hope Distillery in Wooc and won a Gold; Darlington is from Charles Withington in Darling and was among the top Double Gold winners. We wait to taste both of them; they are in the London Gin style that Lynne loves



Double Gold medals were awarded to 21 gins out of an entry of 125 gins from all over South Africa

The awards competition is the only dedicated competition for craft gins in South Africa

The gins were tasted blind by a judging panel which included Kurt Schlechter, bar owner and spirit expert; Jean Buckham, ow the Gin Club; Thierry Lubala, mixologist at Africa's largest gin Bar in Asara Estate; and Pam Koen, owner of Africa Infused, a be consulting and training company

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Roger Jorgensen, 'The Guru of South African Gin', chaired the judging panel. Roger commented, "I am delighted that, despi pandemic, the SA Craft Gin industry is in rude health. We were impressed with the level of entries this year, especially from n brands. The judging panel concentrated on rewarding gins that delivered on taste and quality. We look forward to witnessi continuing boom in craft gins in South Africa, as they can clearly hold their own against international competitors."

A spokesperson for Takealot commented, "We're delighted to be associated with the SA Craft Gin Awards as presenting sponsor a happy to support the growing South African gin and craft distilling industry. We have witnessed its growth over the past few yea congratulate all the winners and wish them continued success in the future."

The winning gins are for sale on Takealot

The Double Gold award-winning gins are:

- 48 Gin Premium
- African Craft Naartjie
- Amari Atlantic Ocean
- Blomendahl Roxy Botanical Gin
- Blomendahl Roxy Vine Blossom
- Bossieveld The Inspiration
- Caspyn West Coast Dry Gin
- Darlington Gin
- Deep South Spice Island
- Giniper
- Melodramatic The Phantom
- NUY legacy limited edition
- Pienaar Ugly Gin
- Poetic Licence Fireside Spiced
- Poetic Licence Northern Dry
- Poetic Licence Old Tom
- Rebel Dry Gin
- Smiths Spice
- Smiths Elderflower
- Smiths South African Dry
- Sugarbird Cape Fynbos

The Single Gold award-winning gins are:

- 48 Gin Ivory
- 48 Premium Pink
- African Craft Elderflower
- African Craft Honeybush
- Amari Indian Ocean Gin
- Benedict's London Dry
- Blackwood Spirits Cape Kelp
- Blind Tiger
- Blomendahl Roxy Spice
- Cape Fynbos Citrus
- Cape Fynbos Gin
- Clemengold Gin
- Copeland Gin Cape Peninsula
- Deep South Cape Dry Gin
- Die Mas Kalahari Gin
- Distillery Road Gin
- Flowstone Bushwillow
- Hobbs Cape Dry
- Hobbs Pink Pepper
- Indlovu
- Inverroche Verdant

- L -Gin Plush
- L-Gin Lush
- Monks Fynbos & Sceletium
- No Frills Gin
- Pesky Hobbit
- Primos Crisp Citron
- Unit 43
- Vuttomi Classic Gin
- Vuttomi Moringa

Best of Category Winners

- London and African Dry: Smiths South African Dry
- Fynbos and Botanical: Giniper
- Citrus and Fruit: Pienaar Ugly Gin
- Spiced Gin: Poetic Licence Fireside Spiced

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